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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that

I verily believe I am an original, a first and a sole inventor of the invention entitled: **Blower Housing and Cabinet With Improved Blower Inlet Airflow Distribution**

described and claimed in the attached specification, that

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the declaration, that

I do not know and do not believe the same invention was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application, that the same was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application, that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than six months prior to this application, that I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of this application, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56(a), and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to this application by me or my legal representatives or assigns, except as follows: NONE

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below or § 365(c) of any PCT International Application designating the United States of America listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application(s) or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of any prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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